Corporation Limited (GPCL). The IPC of CEA is accorded only to the Generating company who executes the project to facilitate them in tying up of various inputs including finances. As M/s. GPCL was not the executing agency of the project and were still to identify the party for executing the project, the 'In-principle clearance' as requested by them could not be accorded and the proposal was returned in October, 1996. However, issue of regarding grant of 'in-principle' clearance before putting power projects on competitive bidding is being examined in Government again.

Constitution of Delhi Vidyut Board

2135. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether constitution of Delhi Vidyut Board has some objectives;

(b) if so, details thereof with additional advantages provided to Delhi consumers since its inception in addition to already available with existence of DESU;

(c) whether Delhi Vidyut Board propose more facilities to its consumers in future;

(d) whether Delhi Vidyut Board also propose to ensure regular availability of power to each domestic light consumers and not resorting to power cut or load shedding on any reasons;

(e) whether the D.V.B. proposed to make surprise checks in all colonies of Delhi to detect illegal use of air-conditioners in phased manner every month; and

(f) if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Delhi Vidyut Board has been constituted w.e.f. 24-2-1997 on the pattern of Electricity Boards in other States, replacing DESU, with an objective of providing better services to consumers. Delhi Vidyut Board has informed that they have taken number of steps to streamline the procedures for grant of electric connections. Special attention is also being paid, according to the Board to other areas like improvement in consumer services, providing stable power supply, increase in revenue realisation and reduction in T&D losses.

(c) As per information given by the Delhi Vidyut Board, they are simplifying procedures for providing more facilities to the consumers.

(d) The availability of power in Delhi during the current summer months has been satisfactory by and large and the Delhi Vidyut Board met the demand of power of 2149 MW in Delhi during June, 1997. However, there had been load shedding in June, 1997 due to constraints in the transmission and distribution network of the Delhi Vidyut Board and on some occasions due to low voltage and low frequency conditions. On account of these reasons, there was load shedding of 10 MU against total energy consumption of 1330 MU in June, 1997.

(e) and (f) As per information given by the Delhi Vidyut Board, they carry out surprise checks to detect the illegal use of air-conditioners and take necessary action against the defaulters for the violations.

Appeal by DVB to Delhi consumers

2136. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Vidyut Board through its advertisement on 17th July, 1997 has appealed to Delhi Consumers